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SUBJ: DR. PAZ TO MEET MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO NEGOTIATE MNR
FUTURE.

REF: LA PAZ 0049 & 0078

1. EDUARDO OLMEDO, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PAZ ESTENSSORO, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT DR. PAZ HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR THE MORNING OF JANUARY 8 TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE FRICTIONS BETWEEN THE GOB AND THE MNR. OLMEDO SAID THAT HE AND DR. PAZ EXPECTED THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO OFFER A PLAN FOR THE REINCORPORATION OF THE MNR INTO THE FPN. GIVEN THAT DR. PAZ DOES NOT VISUALIZE BEING PRESENTED WITH A PLAN WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM, BOTH HE AND OLMEDO EXPECT THAT THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL. SINCE NEITHER WILL LEAVE ON THEIR OWN, THEY EXPECT THAT THE GOB WILL DEPORT THEM SHORTLY.

2. SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PAZ INCLUDE AN ALL MILITARY CABINET OR A CABINET OF TECHNICIANS WITH NO TIES TO MEDIUM MINING INTERESTS. ACCORDING TO OLMEDO, PAZ NEGOTIATED WITH BANZER FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON JANUARY 3 AT BANZER'S REQUEST, BUT NO SENSE OF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. THE FAILURE OF THE TALKS WITH BANZER HAVE MADE PAZ LOOK UPON PROSPECTS FOR
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3. OLMEDO'S RECITATION OF REASONS FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF
THE MNR CONVENTION DOVETAILED WITH THOSE REPORTED IN REFTELS.
OLMEDO ADDED THAT THE MNR HAD RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM
THE PRESIDENT TO POSTPONE THE CONVENTION UNTIL APRIL 1974 AND
THAT THE DECISION TO POSTPONE THUS REPRESENTED SOMETHING OF A
COMPROMISE. HE INDICATED THAT A PRIME FACTOR IN THE POSTPONEMENT
WAS AN EFFORT TO AVOID PRECIPITATING THE EXILE OF DR. PAZ AT
THIS TIME SINCE THE MNR SUSPECTED THAT THE GOB WOULD NOT PERMIT
PAZ TO BE PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION. HE AFFIRMED THAT PAZ HAS
THE CONVENTION WELL UNDER CONTROL.

4. COMMENTS: THE CONVICTION THAT PAZ' DAYS ARE NUMBERED IS GROWING
AMONG HIS SUPPORTERS AND OTHERS, BUT THERE STILL APPEARS TO BE
SOME ROOM FOR MANEUVER AND COMPROMISE IF THE GOB DECIDES THAT
BEING FLEXIBLE IS IN ITS INTEREST.
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